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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE SCARE THAT IREX AND NSF GRANTEES MIGHT BE MOVED INTO HOTELS UNTIL NEW APARTMENTS WERE READY. AMBASSADOR TALKED TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA AGAIN MARCH 6 AND TO NCST FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GROZA MARCH 7. GLIGA SAID AMBASSADOR'S REFERENCE TO A HOTEL "SOLUTION" WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD AND GROZA ASSURED AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING THAT HOTEL IDEA WAS NOW OUT AND NSF AND IREX GRANTEES WOULD NOT HAVE TO MOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT QUARTERS UNTIL NEW APARTMENTS WERE READY. HE ESTIMATED THESE WOULD BE READY WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO. HE SAID THEY WERE BEING FURNISHED URGENTLY AND HE AGREED WITH AMBASSADOGLUS PLEA THAT THE MOVE TAKE PLACE IN A CIVILIZED WAY.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO TALKED TO DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER POP WHO RENEWED HIS EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT NO GRANTEES WOULD BE MOVED OUT OF THEIR PRESENT QUARTERS UNTIL SUITABLE NEW ONES ARE AVAILABLE. LIKE GROZA, HE AGREED THAT THE MOVE TAKE PLACE IN A CIVILIZED WAY AND SAID GRANTEES WOULD
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HAVE A CHANCE TO INSPECT THEIR NEW QUARTERS BEFORE HAVING

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TO MOVE. WE'VE HEARD SINCE FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THAT KEYS TO NEW APARTMENTS MAY BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW.

3. GIVEN THE EVER-PRESENT POSSIBILITIES OF SLIPS BETWEEN CUPS AND LIPS, WE ARE STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GRANTEES OF ALL CATEGORIES AND TELLING THEM NOT TO MOVE UNTIL THEY HAVE CHECKED WITH US. BOTH GROZA AND POP RE-CONFIRMED THAT NO MILITIAMEN WOULD SHOW UP ON GRANTEES' DOORSTEPS SUNDAY MORNING TO EVICT THEM.
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